

NEXT WEEK

I am the resurrection and the life
John 11:17-27

Bread

- of life (Jn 6:35, 48)
- which came down
from heaven
(Jn 6:41, 51)

Light

of the world
(Jn 8:12; 9:5)

Door

(Jn 10:9)
of the sheep
(Jn 10:7)

Good

Shepherd
(Jn 10:11, 14)

Before (Jn 8:58)
Abraham was

**Resurrection
and Life**

(Jn 11:25)

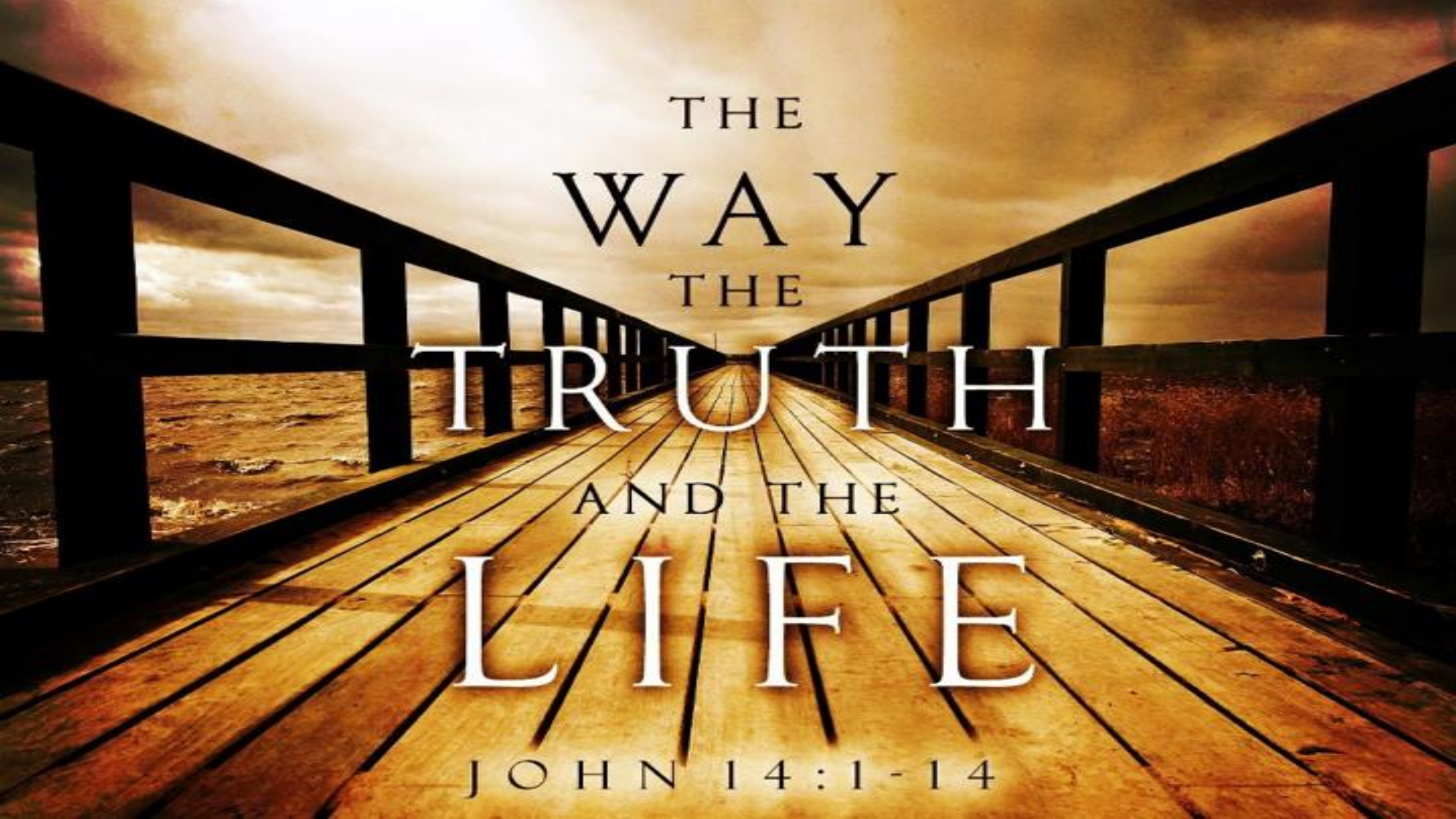
I AM

**the Way,
the Truth,
and the Life**

(Jn 14:6)

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(Jn 15:1, 5)

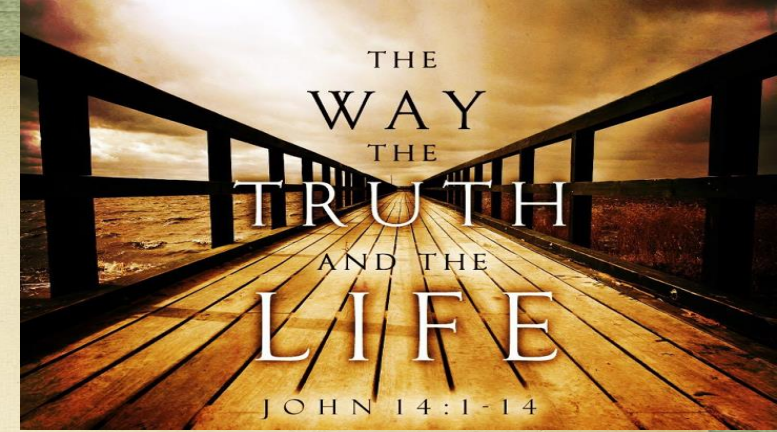


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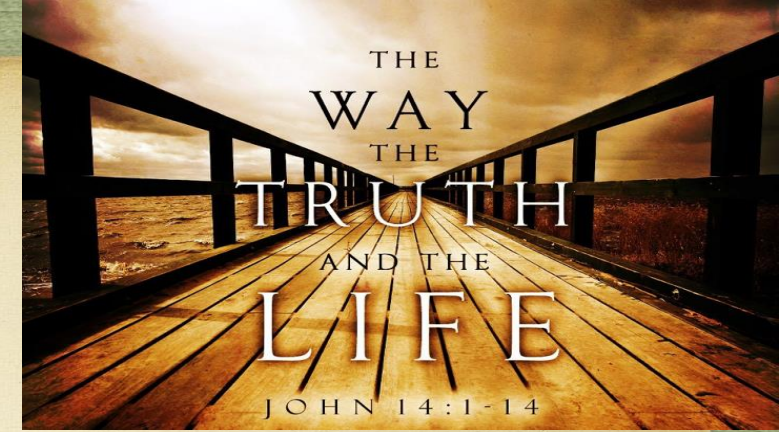
JOHN 14:1-14

Where are we in the life of Jesus?

- The last supper & garden visit
- Jesus is preparing disciples
- Jesus said he is going away (7:34; 8:21; 12:8,35)
- He is going to die (12:32-33)
- One of the Twelve was a traitor (13:21),
- Peter would disown Him three times (13:38)
- Satan was working against them (Luke 22:31-32)
- They would all fall away that very night (Mt 26:31)
- Read John 14:1-7

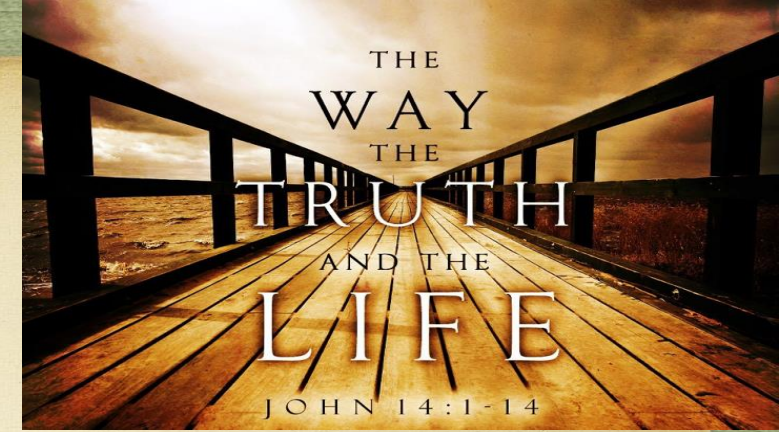


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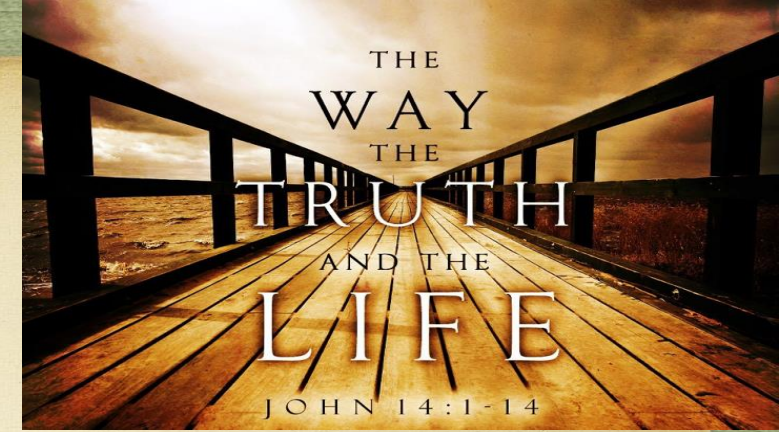
- "Troubled" ταρασσω [tarassō], 18x in the NT.
- "inward turmoil, stir up, disturb, unsettle, throw into confusion" - (Mat 14:26; Lk 1:12; Gal 1:7; 1 Peter 3:14;)
- Why were they be troubled?
- Jesus said he is going away – 13:33
- Peter wants to know why can't follow - 13:37
- Jesus answer – are you ready to die for me? Deny 3x

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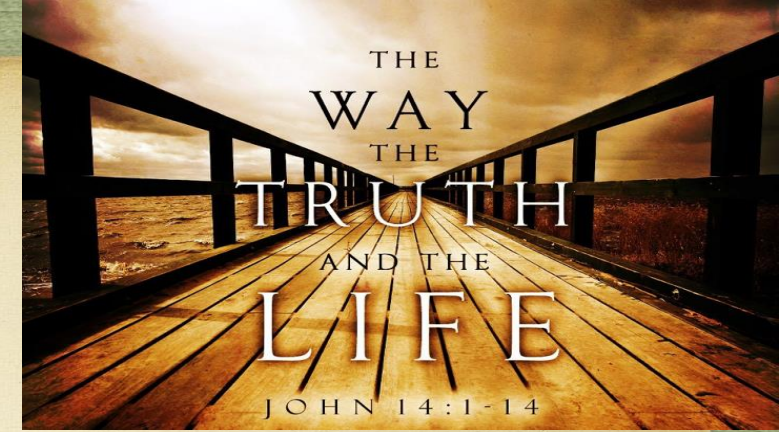
- What is the solution for their troubled hearts?
- Believe in me like you believe in God
- Bold statement – affirms Jesus deity – equal with God
- Jesus is object of our faith
- Have hope in God then have hope in Jesus
- Challenge – have faith in Jesus himself

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- Next 24 hours would test their "faith in Jesus, how?"
- Jesus would be arrested and killed
- Trusting God and Jesus means not trusting whatever power is evident in this world
- God is not dead – he is ruling
- God is moving and active – at work in this world
- "Let not your heart be troubled" – Believe in God
- Believe in Jesus

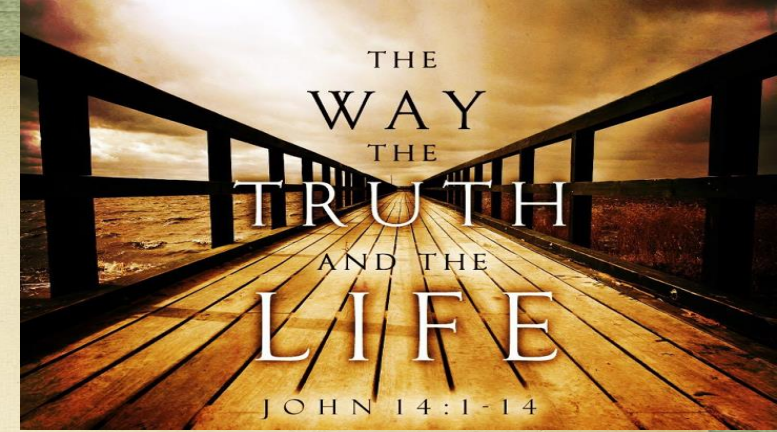
John 14:2 - In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?



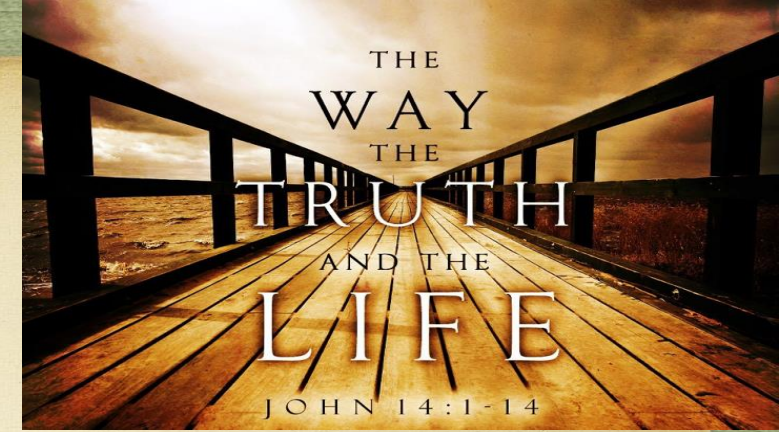
- What is the powerful hope we get from this verse?
- Jesus is making preparations for us to join Him
- Some versions say “mansions” KJV
- In Middle English of the time – this meant “a dwelling place”
- Does not mean a huge, expensive, imposing home

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- What are we looking for in heaven?
- NOT harps, wings, floating on clouds
- NOT Houses, cars, play golf, unlimited credit cards!
- We cannot impose physical grandeur on spiritual home
- Do we want to live in our own home in heaven?
- Heaven is a dwelling place with God – we want to live in the Father's house – to be with Jesus

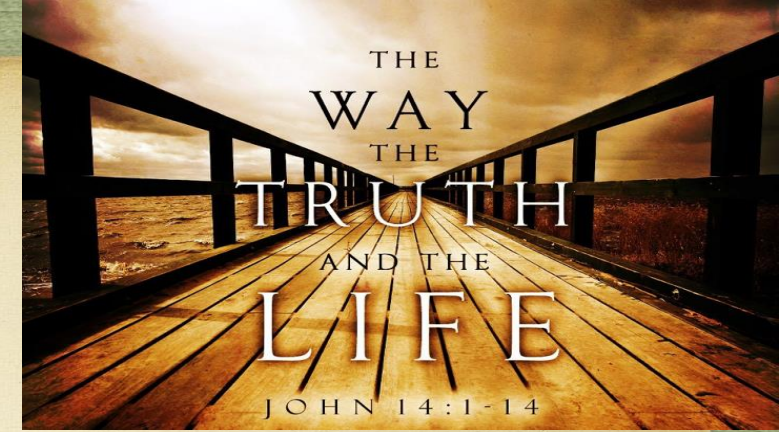


John 14:3 - And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.



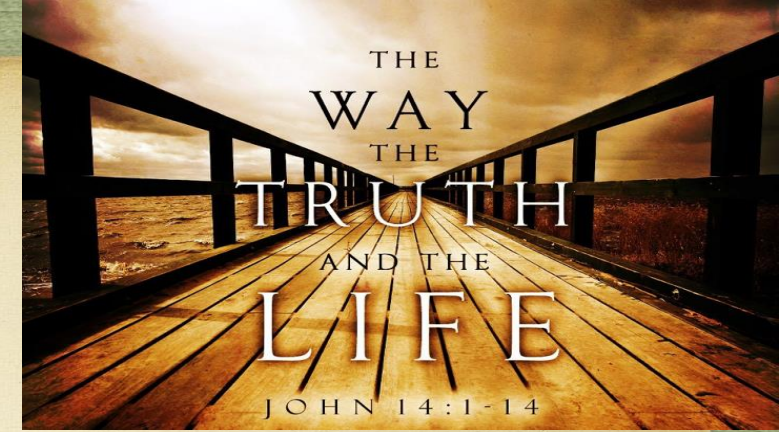
- How will Jesus be “preparing a place for you?”
- NOT going to make the bed and fluff the pillows
- The cross and the resurrection is the act of preparation.
- By going to the cross, Jesus is making it possible for us to have a place in Father’s house – for all who believe
- This is the center of our faith: we want to be with Jesus

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- How will they get there?
- A promise – “I will come again and take you”
- Here is a promise on which we can build our faith
- After Jesus defeats death – He will come again, Himself, to take us to be with Him

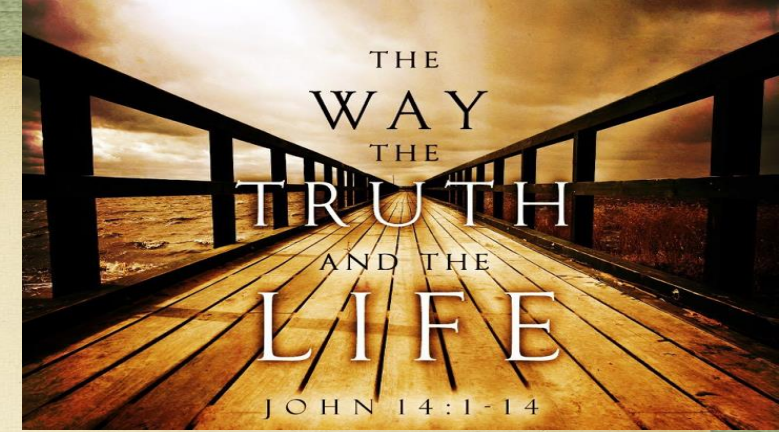
John 14:4 - And you know the way to where I am going.”



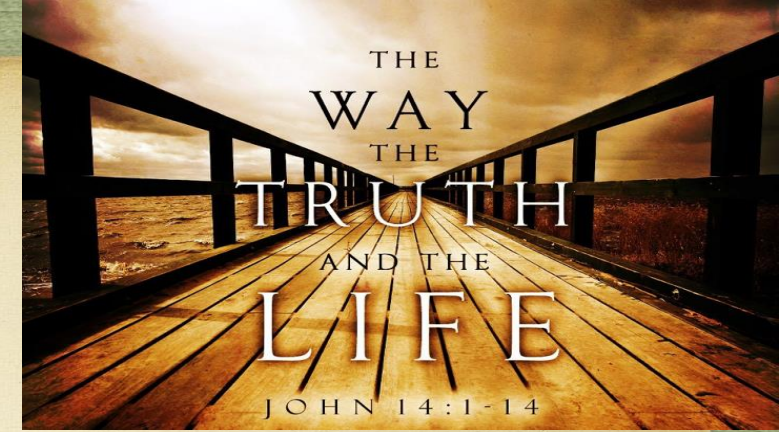
- Did they know the way?
- Jesus had been teaching them about it – leading up to this day – for 3 years
- They had walked away from worldly things to follow Jesus
- Soon they would be asked to stand and name Him in the face of death from the Romans and Jewish leaders
- Did they have that faith? – Do we?

John 14:5 - Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

- But still they stand perplexed
- Thomas expresses it
- Jesus, you said you are leaving us and that we cannot go with you now (13:36)
- So how can we know the way?

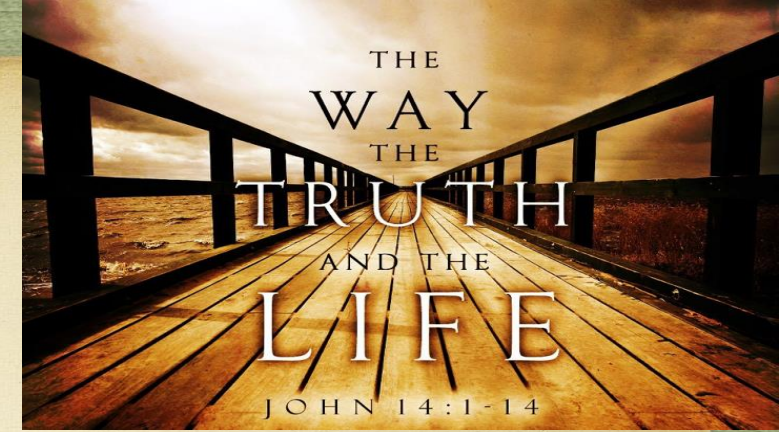


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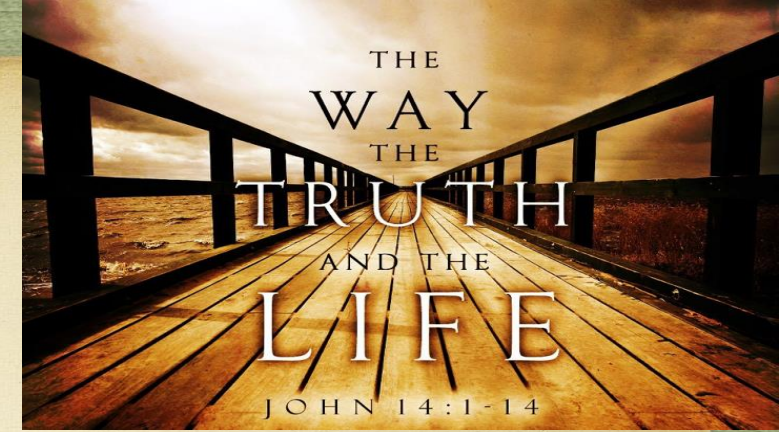
- He did NOT say – "I will show you the way"
- He said – "I am the way" – follow his steps – why?
- There is no other way - Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5
- It is impossible to find salvation in any & every other way - (Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindu, etc.) -
- This also applies to those who claim to believe in Christ, but reject his teaching - (Mat 15:13,14; Luke 6:46; John 12:48-50; 2 Jn 9)

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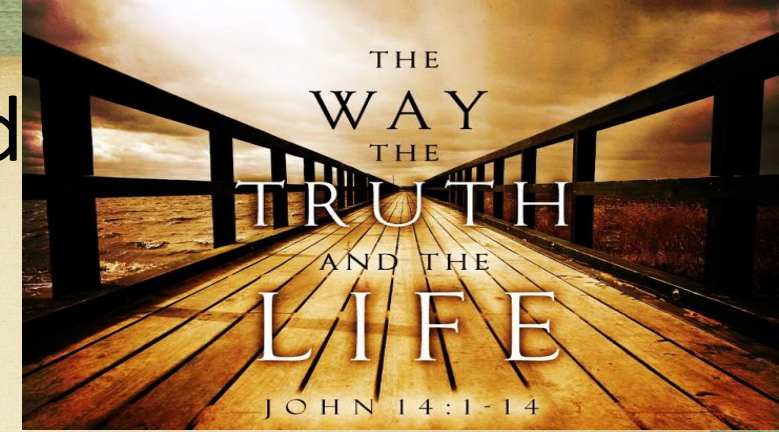
- He did NOT say - "I have the truth"
- He said – "I am the truth" – Why?
- According to world today – truth is determined by subjectively by each person – is not absolute truth
- Jesus not only spoke words of truth, but He is the very embodiment of truth - (John 1:1,14, 17; 8:31,32; 15:1; 18:37; 1 John 5:20).
- Judged by Jesus' words "on the last day" - Jn 12:48

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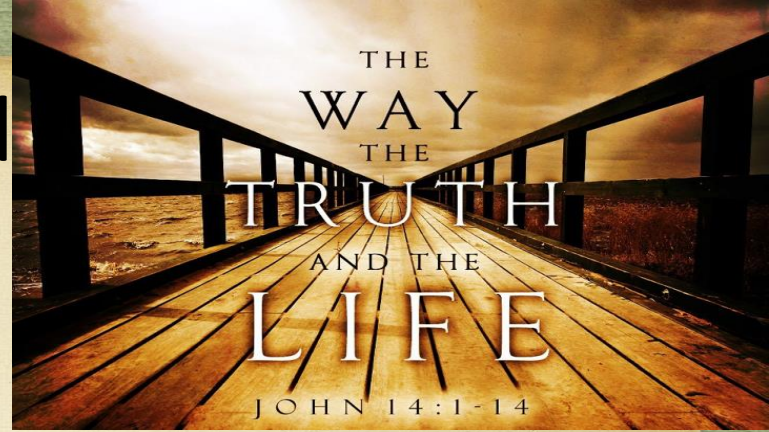
- He did Not say – “I will lead you to life”
- He said – “I am the life” – Why?
- All life is from God (Gen. 1; Ps 36:9; Acts 17:24-29)
- Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live” - (Jn 11:25)
- Jesus is Life & all who are in Him will live forever - (Jn. 14:19; 1:4; 6:33; 10:28; etc).

John 14:7 - If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



- How is Jesus “The Way”?
- Here Jesus elaborates -
- If you know Jesus, then you know the Father
- If you believe in Jesus, then you believe in the Father
- If you have a relationship with Jesus, then ...
- What were the 1st century disciples of Jesus called by the world and themselves?
- The Way (Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22)

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- Jesus is light – and we are to be light
- Jesus is the way – and we are to be the way
- We are to show the world the way to the Father
- Great commission – call for us to be the way to Jesus for the world

Sean's Thoughts -

This week is harder than last week in comparison. Jesus paved the way for us. There are lots of places where he said he would be coming back, and that's why he prepared a place for us.



We should know where Jesus was going, so Thomas should have known, Jesus makes it very clear to us. Jesus teaches us the right way to live. And we see the father through him because Jesus is divine, like we talked about in Sunday mornings class.

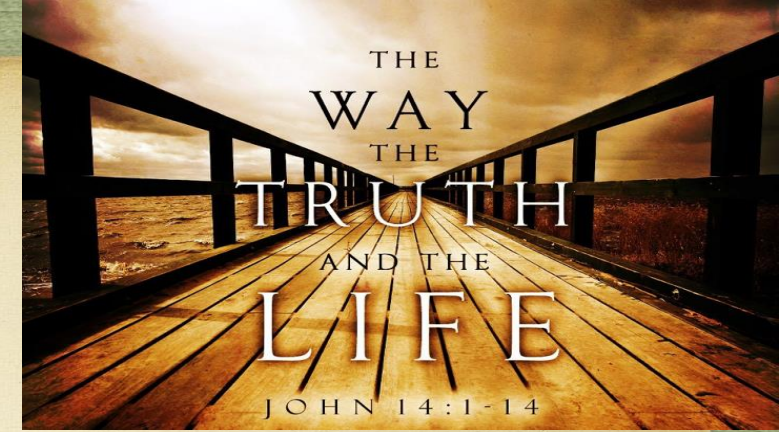
Sean's Thoughts (2) -

We see that Jesus speaks with the same authority as God the father so his words have the same weight and the disciples kept failing to see that, so they asked the same questions over and over.

The disciples should have believed based on the life of Jesus but like we talked in Sunday mornings class, they still wanted to see signs for proof. What Jesus wanted them to believe was pretty extraordinary so they wanted signs to believe what they were being told.

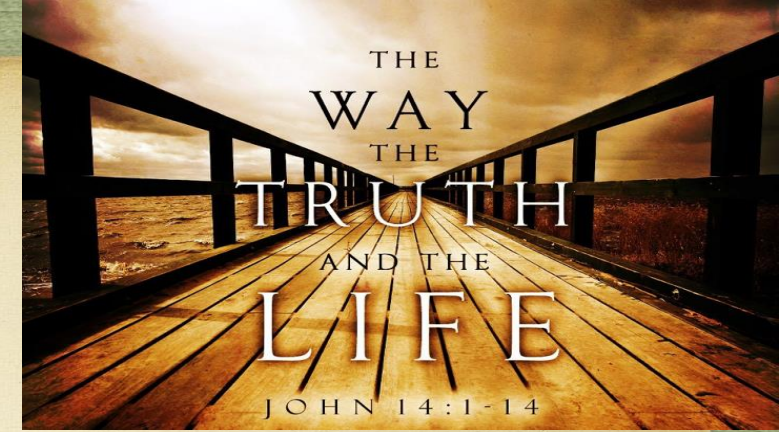


John 14:8 - Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."



- It is easy to condemn Phillip
- But haven't we all experienced this same thing
- Jesus knew people would not accept just one sign
- Instead they would always want "just one more"
- Jesus is not just a religions teacher or a guide
- Jesus is the goal
- V9 - Jesus is the end of the pursue – the Son of God

John 14:12 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.



- What is this greater work?
- Can't be miracles – no one had done greater than Jesus
- Directly tied to Jesus completing His saving work
- The work of the gospel is the most important work
- Jesus completing His work allowed the disciples work
- The greater work is spiritual – saving souls with the gospel